HIAWATHA USD 415
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 10, 2007

A. Call Meeting to Order

President Matt Sprick called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. The meeting was originally scheduled for 7:00 pm but was rescheduled due to an impending ice storm.

B. Roll Call

Board members present were Denise Elffner, Steve Lock, Pete Rosá (Arrived at 5:37 pm), Becky Shamburg, Matt Sprick, Dave Thompson and John Wright. Also present were John Severin, Superintendent; Steve Splichal, Assistant Superintendent; Lesli Grimm, Clerk of the Board; Tom Schmitz, Elementary School Principal; Dave Coufal, Middle School Principal; Alan Jeffery, High School Principal; David Fitz, High School Assistant Principal/Athletic Director; Butch Trabuc, Special Education Interlocal Director; Jean Brintnall, Trish Gibson, Grant Miller, and Kathleen Tryon, USD 415 Teachers; Greg Bebermeyer, KNZA Radio; Carl Nelson, Hiawatha Kiwanis Foundation; Carol Rieger, Hiawatha USD 415 Educational Foundation; Rebecca Farrar, Weight Room Committee; Stan and Dawn Enyart, District Parents; and David and Carol Pfister, District Patrons.

C. Approval of Agenda

Dave Thompson moved and Steve Lock seconded the motion to approve the agenda, noting that the *Northeast Kansas Legislative Luncheon* would be discussed under item *Q. Other*. The motion passed 6-0.

D. Comments From the Public

Carl Nelson, representing the Hiawatha Kiwanis Foundation, presented a check for $40,000 to President Sprick, Carol Rieger (Hiawatha USD 415 Educational Foundation), and Rebecca Farrar (Weight Room Fundraising Committee). The check was the fulfillment of the Kiwanis Foundation's pledge of matching funds to the Educational Foundation's fundraising efforts for the high school weight room project.

David Pfister shared his concern that the district's newsletter, The Beakon, includes a listing of the Eagle Feather Awards given to Native American Students. He feels that this is discriminatory against the non-Native American students whose academic accomplishments are not published.

Board member Pete Rosa arrived at 5:37 pm.

E. Comments From the President

There were no comments from the President.

F. Consent Agenda

Steve Lock moved and Denise Elffner seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda consisted of the following items: 1. Approval of the Minutes of the November 12, 2007 Regular Board Meeting; 2. Approval of the Check Register, Preliminary Check Register, Addendum to the Preliminary Check Register, Outstanding Purchase Order Detail Report, and Credit Card Purchase Logs; 3. Accept the Treasurer's Report for the Month of October 2007; and 4. Accept Contributions. The motion passed 7-0.

G. Middle School Presentation on NCA Second Team Visit

Grant Miller, Trish Gibson, and Kathleen Tryon, members of the Middle School's Steering Committee, reported on the middle school's second team visit for the current NCA cycle.

H. Review of Two Possible Calendars for the 2008-2009 School Year

Superintendent Severin reviewed two possible calendars for the 2008-2009 school year. Some additional revisions were discussed and could be implemented before a final calendar is presented for approval.

I. Report on the KASB Annual Convention and Delegate Assembly

Becky Shamburg, Steve Lock, Pete Rosa, Denise Elffner and Matt Sprick reviewed the workshops they attended at the recent KASB Annual Convention.

J. Review of District Staph Infection Plan

John Severin reported on the District Staph Infection Plan developed by the district's nurses and administrators. The plan was implemented as a preventative measure in response to staph infection becoming more prominent in school settings.

K. Review of the TextCaster Communication System

Superintendent Severin and Lesli Grimm reviewed the newly available TextCaster Communication System sponsored by Morrill & Janes Bank. The system allows those interested to sign up to receive emails and/or cell phone text messages regarding school closings and other special announcements.

L. Review of Weight Room Progress

John Severin updated the board on progress being made on the high school weight room addition. Two change orders have been made to the project, involving a door closure and flooring in the existing weight room area. Substantial completion is scheduled for the end of February.

M. Development of Board Policy on Leasing or Loaning Athletic Equipment

Due to recent regulatory changes made by the Kansas High School Activities Association allowing the loaning of school athletic equipment, it was necessary for the board to update the district's policy regarding the use of district property and equipment.

Steve Lock moved and Becky Shamburg seconded the motion to approve policy KGA (Use of District Personal Property and Equipment) as presented, including the language prohibiting the leasing or loaning of athletic equipment for non-school related programs. The motion passed 7-0.

N. Special Education Report

Denise Elffner reviewed recent action taken by the Special Education Interlocal board.

O. Executive Session

1. To Discuss Non-Elected Personnel

2. To Discuss Confidential Data

3. To Discuss Student Personnel

Dave Thompson moved and Denise Elffner seconded the motion to recess to executive session for 30 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, confidential data and student personnel. The executive session was necessary to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed and to protect the interests of the business to be discussed. The motion passed 7-0. Following a five-minute break, the board recessed to executive session at 6:55 pm. John Severin and Steve Splichal were invited into the executive session. At 7:25 pm, Dave Thompson moved and Denise Elffner seconded the motion to extend the executive session 30 minutes. The motion passed 7-0. Dave Coufal was invited into the executive session at 7:37 pm. Alan Jeffery and David Fitz were invited into the executive session at 7:42 pm. Butch Trabuc and Tom Schmitz were invited into the executive session at 7:51 pm. At 7:55 pm, Dave Thompson moved and Denise Elffner seconded the motion to extend the executive session 5 minutes. The motion passed 7-0. The board returned to regular session at 8:00 pm.

P. Action Following Executive Session

Steve Lock moved and John Wright seconded the motion to pass Resolution 2008-07, Resolution for Final Action After an Appeal Hearing. The motion passed 7-0.

Dave Thompson moved and Denise Elffner seconded the motion to have Dee White Eye work fulltime in the Hiawatha district for the spring semester. The motion passed 7-0.

Q. Other

John Severin, Steve Splichal, Lesli Grimm, Matt Sprick, Becky Shamburg, Steve Lock, John Wright and Dave Thompson plan to attend the Northeast Kansas Legislative Luncheon at Sabetha on January 3.

R. Adjournment

Steve Lock moved and John Wright seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 7-0, and President Sprick declared the meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.

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President Clerk